

Mr. Marx was a graduate of Murphy High School and the University of Alabama, where he was business manager of the Crimson White. Upon graduation, he joined the Army, serving as a second lieutenant during the Vietnam War.

Returning to Mobile, Mr. Marx became active in developing small businesses and joint venture projects. He was best known for his ownership of local real estate and his Julien E. Marx Realtors.

While many would be content with tending to their business interests, Mr. Marx used his passion and energy to better the lives of others. He was an active booster and board member of the Boy Scouts of America, as well as MARC, which improves the lives of intellectually and physically-challenged adults in the Mobile area.

Mr. Marx endowed a number of University of South Alabama scholarships, including the promotion of art education among minority students. He was a lover of photography, having donated his family's extensive collection of Mobile historical photographs to the University of South Alabama.

Mr. Marx also used his time and resources to back many inventions, from medical research to consumer products. Ironically, he will never be known for all the good that he did because he often chose to give to others anonymously.

Madam Speaker, there simply isn't space in this tribute to fully capture Julien Marx's contributions to our community. He was uniquely American—a dreamer, a doer, a giver, a lover of life. In short, he was a community treasure.

I join so many in South Alabama in mourning Julien Marx's passing and also in extending condolences to his wife of 18 years, Linda, and extended family and friends. You are all in our prayers.

RECOGNIZING GREG MITCHELL
FOR HIS EXTRAORDINARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE U.S. MILITARY

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay respect to a great man in my hometown of Colorado Springs, Colorado. Greg Mitchell is a hands-on, results-oriented leader with a proven track record of achieving success. A longtime resident of Colorado Springs, Mitchell is retiring this year after serving six years as President of Colorado Technical University, CTU.

Greg, a former Naval officer, has championed our state's veterans and young people in both his professional and personal roles for nearly three decades.

As President of CTU, he played a key role in developing programs to serve soldiers, including the wounded warrior program that awards 50 scholarships annually to wounded veterans and their spouses. He once said, "If you do the right thing, it's very rewarding. We can't do enough for the military today." In 2008, the school was named one of the most military friendly institutions in the country.

Under his leadership, Colorado Technical University partnered with the Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund to provide a full four-year scholarship for a son or daughter of an American military hero who has served and sacrificed for our nation's freedom. CTU pledged \$1 million in full tuition scholarships for Freedom Alliance scholarship recipients who wish to attend their University.

Prior to coming to Colorado Technical University, Mitchell worked in Colorado Springs for Plasmon LMS/Philips Laser Magnetic Storage, Media Security Incorporated, Brown Disc Manufacturing, and the NCR Corporation.

Outside of Mitchell's professional contributions to our community, he has served on numerous community boards. Some of his volunteer work includes serving on the following boards:

- Better Business Bureau
- Colorado Thirty Group
- The Home Front Cares
- Congressman Doug Lamborn's Defense Advisory Board
- Advisory Board for the Latino Chamber of Commerce
- Advisory Council on Military Education
- Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce
- Vitality Group Advisory Board

Mitchell is a devoted husband and father. He has been married for twenty years to his wife, Cindy, and is the father of three grown children, Garth, Blake, and Paige.

I thank Greg for his tremendous contribution to our community and our men and women in uniform. He is a great American patriot.

INTRODUCING THE MARINE DEBRIS ACT REAUTHORIZATION AMENDMENTS OF 2010

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, marine debris is a global problem degrading the environmental health of the world's oceans. Near my home island of Guam is the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, a huge area hundreds of miles wide within the North Pacific gyre. The Garbage Patch contains virtually tons of plastics and other non-degradable litter, especially discarded fishing gear, that was tossed, intentionally or unintentionally, into the ocean and now drifts indefinitely, harming both ocean wildlife, such as sea turtles and marine mammals, and impacting sensitive marine habitats, such as coral reefs.

Unfortunately, the Great Pacific Garbage Patch—while emblematic of the problem of marine debris—is no longer unique. As we learned earlier this year, a new garbage patch has emerged in the Atlantic Ocean in the region between the Island of Bermuda and the Azores Islands located in the Mid-Atlantic Ocean east of Portugal. Both areas pose a troubling, pernicious threat to not only ocean ecosystems, but also to navigational safety and coastal aesthetics.

Today, in recognition that we must continue to take purposeful action to address this challenging environmental threat, I have intro-

duced legislation to reauthorize and amend the Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act.

My legislation is straightforward and was developed in consultation with NOAA and numerous stakeholder organizations. The bill would clarify the scope and purposes of the program, maintain existing program activities initiated by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the U.S. Coast Guard, and also encourage greater and more effective cooperation, both domestically and abroad. Importantly, my legislation will help ensure that the program remains focused on delivering results without additional Federal spending.

Under this program NOAA has implemented a variety of projects in collaboration with state and local governments, NGOs, and industry to prevent and reduce marine debris from entering the marine environment and providing incentives for its removal once it appears. For example, Covanta Energy, a global innovator in "energy from waste" technologies, has worked collaboratively with NOAA to pioneer the use of marine debris to generate electric power.

In addition, the Northwest Straits Commission in the North Puget Sound region of Washington State, received funding made available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and coordinated through the Marine Debris Program to remove derelict fishing gear from Puget Sound, vastly cutting down on "ghost fishing" and navigational hazards that negatively impact habitat as well as the local economy.

Organizations that support my legislation, such as the Ocean Conservancy, the United Nations Environmental Program, and the Marine Conservation Biology Institute, remain hard at work to raise public awareness about this serious issue.

The 25th annual International Coastal Cleanup, first initiated in 1985 by the Center for Environmental Education, took place last Saturday. The Coastal Cleanup is the world's largest volunteer effort in support of ocean conservation; each year, the Coastal Cleanup mobilizes hundreds of thousands of people in over 100 countries to clean up our beaches, lakes, and rivers. In the past 25 years the Coastal Cleanup has engaged more than 8 million dedicated volunteers, who have removed more than 125 million pounds of trash around the world.

Last year, in Guam alone 3,006 volunteers picked up 17,776 pounds of trash along 22.5 miles of coastline. This trash included everything from 21,900 soda cans to 194 tires, and so much more debris in the form of plastic bottles, bags and nets. This effort is a great opportunity for citizens to make a hands-on difference in improving the ocean and coastal areas. I applaud the Ocean Conservancy for their efforts to coordinate this annual event for 25 years, and I urge my colleagues to do their part by supporting my legislation to reauthorize the Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act.

I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to reauthorize this highly successful and effective legislation that addresses one of the most serious threats to our oceans today.